

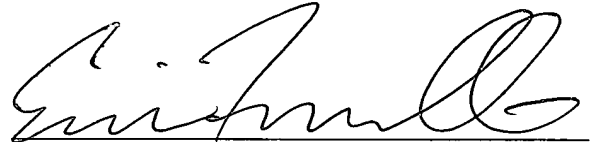
Remarks:

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to delete multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee. Applicants have also amended the claims to delete reference characters. The present invention is not limited to any particular embodiment shown or described herein. Furthermore, Applicants have amended the claims to bring them more in line with standard U.S. practice. Additionally, Applicants have amended the specification to add cross-reference to the priority application and delete references to the claims. Furthermore, Applicants present an abstract of the disclosure herewith on a separate sheet.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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